

Senate Panel Puts Off Rusk Action

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The Senate Foreign Relations Committee put off action yesterday on a proposal that it protest formally the refusal of Secretary of State Dean Rusk to appear for a public hearing on the Vietnam war.

The State Department reported meanwhile that Rusk has not yet decided whether to agree to the Committee's request for a public discussion. He has contended that he could discuss the issues more frankly in a closed session.

Chairman J. W. Fulbright (D-Ark.) said there was a strong feeling that Rusk should appear for public questioning by Committee members, but Senators were divided over how far to press the issue.